

Zombie Night

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The man and the lady
loved to laugh.

She would tuck her hair back
and lay her head on his stomach
after dinner while watching old
scary movies on Thursday nights.

She would listen to his stomach
digest the food and laugh then,
he would laugh and her red
curls would bounce down along her neck
and that

Made them both laugh harder.

She would imitate the gurgling noises
with her mouth and say she
was having a conversation with his
chicken or
steamed fish and rice.
pizza.

One day he was playing with her hair
she was listening to
tuna casserole and watching zombies on TV
he said,
"I have cancer, can you hear it?"

She listened so hard, but she could not.

